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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.74 million, 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 108,000 during November, 11 percent above 2003 and 20 percent above 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004 ¹**

State	Dec 1, 2003	Nov 1, 2004	Dec 1, 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Nov
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	284	321	329	116	102
CA	500	525	530	106	101
CO	1,060	1,090	1,100	104	101
ID	310	305	305	98	100
IA	370	430	435	118	101
KS	2,480	2,400	2,390	96	100
NE	2,280	2,210	2,300	101	104
NM	121	134	129	107	96
OK	350	360	355	101	99
SD	200	169	186	93	110
TX	2,840	2,880	2,740	96	95
WA	210	180	185	88	103
Oth Sts	330	330	360	109	109
US	11,335	11,334	11,344	100	100

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004**

State	During Nov 2003	During Oct 2004	During Nov 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Oct
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	26	48	35	135	73
CA	62	70	66	106	94
CO	185	260	175	95	67
ID	64	78	50	78	64
IA	77	125	90	117	72
KS	425	570	390	92	68
NE	410	600	410	100	68
NM	22	29	14	64	48
OK	56	87	43	77	49
SD	54	65	51	94	78
TX	440	650	320	73	49
WA	46	43	37	80	86
Oth Sts	59	76	62	105	82
US	1,926	2,701	1,743	90	65

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head

